HOUSE BILL 640

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 17, Part 6 and Title 63, Chapter 12, relative to the chemical capture of animals.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-12-144, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection (g):

(g) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, no governmental animal control agency operating in a county having a population of less than three hundred thousand (300,000) shall be required to employ a licensed veterinarian on a full-time basis to utilize the chemical capture of animals pursuant to this section and § 44-17-601. An animal governmental control agency operating in a county having a population of less than three hundred thousand (300,000) may instead utilize the services of a licensed veterinarian who is on-call to the agency on a case by case basis to comply with the requirements of this section and § 44-17-601, relative to the utilization of chemical capture of animals.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.